

Child and Family Team Process: Engagement and Partnerships with Transition Age Youth (TAY)

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Who are Transition Age Youth?

Youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 who are likely to remain in foster care until age 18 or older.

Youth and young adult can be under the jurisdiction of a county dependency and/or delinquency court or a tribe.

Goals of Transition Age Youth Services:

Transition to self-sufficiency and
establish and maintain permanent
connections to supportive adults.

What is a Child and Family Team?

Continuum of Care Reform

ACL 16-84

A CFT is:

Child, Youth, or Young Adult

Family Members

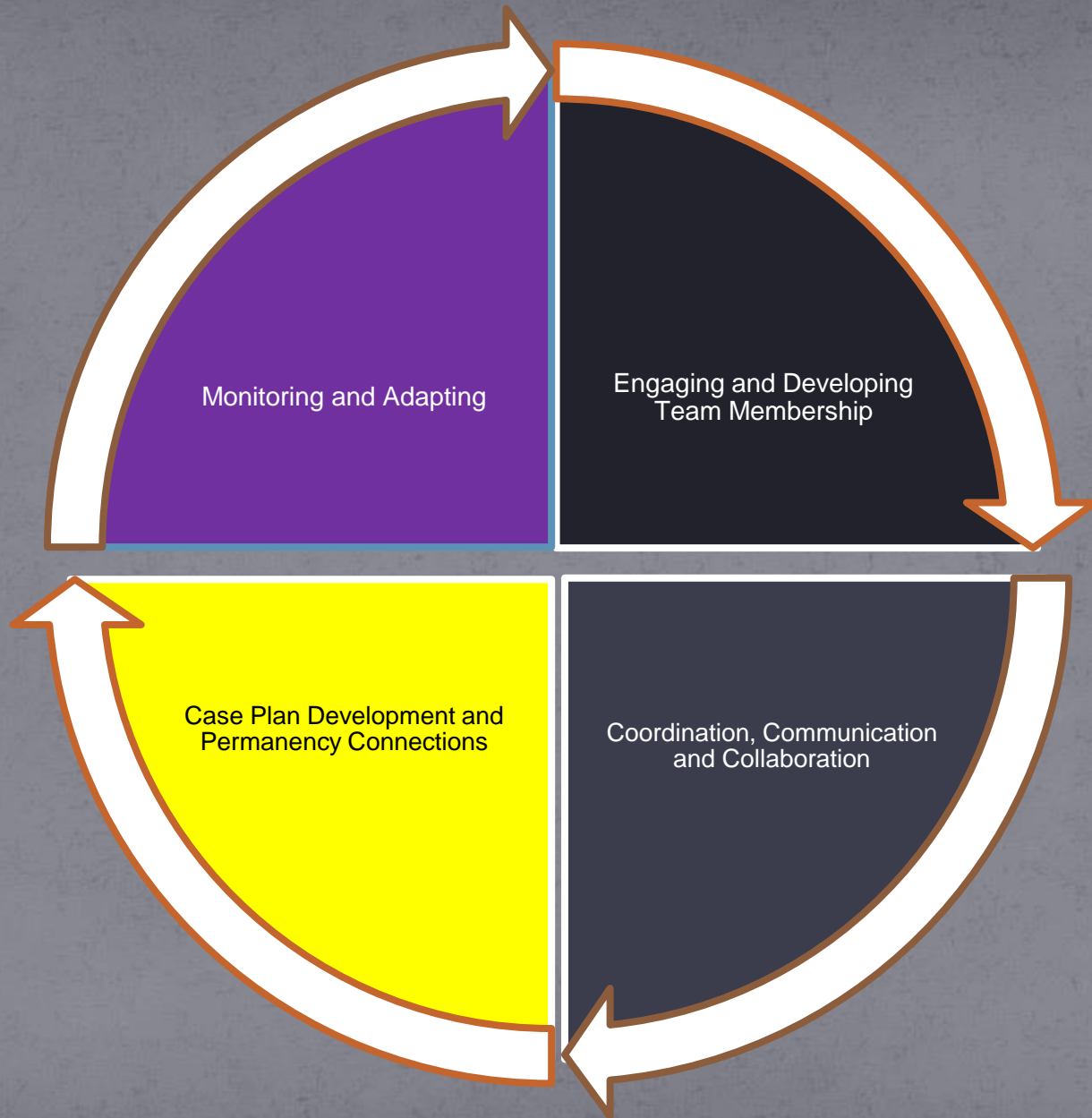
Professionals

Natural Community Supports

Other individuals identified by the youth or young adult who are invested in the youth and family's success.

The CFT is a PROCESS

- Engaging and Developing Team Membership
- Monitoring and Adapting
- Case Plan Development and Permanency Connections
- Coordination, Communication and Collaboration



Meaningful Engagement

- Having a skilled and trained CFT facilitator is key
- It's not about me persuading the youth or young adult and family members to see issues and needs as I see them
- It is about persuading myself to see issues and needs from the youth or young adult and family's perspective
- Resistance is the sign of an unmet need

What is a CFT meeting?

- A CFT meeting is distinct from the team itself
- Provides meaningful opportunities for youth or young adults and families to participate in case planning
- An opportunity for engaging the family and their service teams in thoughtful and effective goal setting and monitoring progress toward achieving goals
- Can be requested by the youth or young adult

CFT Members

A CFT helps bridge the transition to independent living for youth and youth adults

Shared Decisions and Collaboration

CFT members work together to identify strengths and needs

CFT members develop a youth or young adult and family-centered case plan

Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS)

CANS and the CFT

ACL 18-09

Goals: safety, permanency, and well-being.

Case Plans

Specific to TAY, PL 113-183 and SB 794 require that:

- Youth age 14 and older shall be involved in the development of their case plan.
- Case planning team – youth may choose up to two people to participate in the development of their case plan.
 - Cannot include the caseworker or foster parent
 - Agency can reject someone that they do not believe would act in the youth's best interest.

Case Plans

Continuum of Care Reform (CCR), Effective January 1, 2017:

- One of the most fundamental principles is that child welfare services are most effective when delivered in the context of a CFT
- CFT's role is to include youth or young adult and family to develop a youth/young adult and family-centered case plan
- Besides the mandated public agency representatives, the composition of the CFT is driven by the youth or young adult and family members' preferences.
- The young adult has the right to choose to participate or not in the CFT
 - Engagement is key to encourage participation
 - Explain benefits of teaming process

Benefits of a CFT

Evidence based practices in child welfare and probation increasingly rely on youth and family engagement as effective methods to support youth and families and include service partners in the planning.

Partnering with youth and young adults, along with coordination of care, improve CCR's goals of safety, permanency, and well-being.

Youth Panel:
Kalyn, Maria, and Christina

TED talk

Josh Shipp/Harvard University Study

**Every successful child has had at least 1 caring adult in their life*

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